

## REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD MEET- ING

Held in Berne, Ind., June 11-13,  
1914.

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The session was opened by a short period of prayer. All the members of the board found it possible this year to be present, which was very encouraging. The work was taken up in connection with the reading of the various reports from the missionaries.

1. The board grieves at the loss of Bro. C. J. Frey, our faithful worker at Oraibi, and mourns his early death and departure from us and his family. To the latter we herewith express our heartfelt sympathy. May the Lord comfort them and us and also the weeping Hopis. May even this death have a spiritual effect upon the Hopis whom he loved so sincerely.

2. Since the missionaries in

Oklahoma, upon request by the board, are visiting from time to time the Oklahoma congregations, Bro. H. J. Kliever asked the question, whether money should be solicited while calls are made in the families of the congregations. This question was answered negatively, with the understanding, however, that voluntary offerings should be accepted.

3. The board rejoices over the completed translations of Scripture portions and entire books and over the completed part of the Cheyenne - English dictionary, which, according to Bro. Petter's last report, will presumably be finished in the summer of 1915.

4. Resolved, to raise Bro. Alfred Brown's salary from \$120 to \$180 a year as soon as he, in the opinion of the missionaries, can read well enough.

5. Resolved, as soon as possible, to call a new worker into the Cheyenne field in order to enable the board to make such a distribution of the Cheyenne mission



workers that one of them can be stationed at Fonda.

6. We are glad to hear that Bro. Funk and his assistant, Bro. Meek, in spite of the many difficulties last year, are still hopeful. Bro. Meek is again allowed \$180 for the ensuing year.

7. Resolved, to ask the three members of the board, Kliwer, Shelly and Musselman, to visit the Colony mission station in Oklahoma next fall in order to confer with the Dutch Reformed missionaries in Colony, regarding the proper division of the Cheyenne mission field between Colony and Clinton.

8. Bro. Linsheid's budget of \$150 for Busby was allowed.

9. Bro. Neufeld's budget of \$100 for current expenses was allowed.

10. Brother Wiebe's budget of \$100 for Lane Deer was allowed.

11. Bro. P. A. Kliwer's budget of \$106 for Birney was allowed.

12. Resolved, to send Sister Mary Schirmer again to Arizona

for an indefinite time to assist in mission work.

13. Resolved, to allow the budget of \$450 for Oraibi, and also \$124 for Miss Olson's work there.

14. Resolved, that the traveling expenses of Mrs. C. J. Frey and family from Arizona to Kansas be allowed, namely \$54.30.

15. In case Sister Elizabeth Schmidt goes back to Arizona, the board allows her \$200 for taking care of the orphan children that are adopted by the mission, and \$50 besides for each child thus adopted.

16. Bro. Duerksen's budget of \$57 for Pakavi.

17. Bro. Frey's budget of \$257 for Moen Copi was allowed.

18. Bro. J. B. Frey is instructed to introduce Sister Bessie Quayamyma into the work of an assistant, for which she immediately receives \$25. How large her monthly salary shall be, is to be decided upon later according to the work done by her.

19. Bro. P. W. Penner's budget



of \$595 for Janjgir was allowed.

20. The ground plan for the Memorial Girls' School at Janjgir was inspected by the board and approved.

21. Resolved to allow Bro. Suckau's budget of \$595 and Bro. P. A. Penner's of \$297 for Champa. The request by Bro. Penner for \$60 to pay for an evangelist at Bammidi was granted also.

22. Bro. Wiens' budget of \$425 for Mauhadei was allowed.

23. Resolved, that the board assume the responsibility of Bro. and Sister Wiens' traveling expenses directly to America in 1915.

24. Upon the recommendation of our workers in India, the board drops the plan to build a rest house in the hills.

25. Resolved, that the request of our workers in India, to build a new station at Korba, be answered thus: As the medical and school work is to be built up first, before a new station is built, lack of means compels the board to

postpone the building of a new station. Meanwhile the strengthening of the outstation work at Korba is recommended.

26. Our missionaries in India may change their church rules, as circumstances may require, with the consent of the board.

27. Resolved, that such applicants for church membership in India, that have been baptized as infants, are to be instructed in our confession of faith, in order, if possible, to convince them, so that they may themselves desire to be rebaptized. As to further decisions on this question, our churches in India shall have the same authority that any congregation in our Conference has.

28. Resolved, that our missionaries in India be instructed to follow our rules and practice as to marriage as far as circumstances there will permit and in accordance with the spirit and principles in 1. Cor. 7.

29. The question regarding funerals was answered to the effect



that the same shall be held in a Christian manner suited to the needs and conditions in India.

30. The rest of the church rules were approved in the form in which they were sent in by the missionaries.

31. Resolved to permit the building of a small house and a small school in Bhotia.

32. Sister Tabitta Neufeld is requested to start on her trip to India about the beginning of October.

33. Resolved to thank the many kind friends in Berne for the hearty welcome and rich entertainment, and the "Bank of Berne" for the cool and neat reception room, in which the meeting was held.

The Lord be praised for His guiding Spirit, so that everything could be discussed in love and harmony! The growth of our mission naturally increases the work of the board and the churches. We thank the Lord also for this, because He has given strength

and gifts for both. May He continue to do so, and particularly lay His blessings upon the carrying out of these new resolutions and plans. A few important questions were tabled till next fall to be dealt with during the General Conference session. Dear friends, continue to pray for us and the mission cause. Let there be no stand-still! About thirty souls were admitted into church last year on our several mission fields. About \$30,000 was received for missions last year; i. e. seemingly \$1000 for each saved soul. This is, however, no fair calculation, as is shown by the great "mass movements" toward Christ in at least six regions in India. In faith we can see such a mass movement coming also to our missions, so that we can say with Isaia (60: 22), "A little one shall become a thousand." Though Isaia himself did not live to see the day.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Sprunger.

**J. W. Kliever, Pres.**

**P. H. Richert, Sec'y.**